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Response to Amendment


The reply filed on August 27, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): In page 6 of the instant remarks, under the issues of Double Patenting and 35 U.S.C. § 103, applicants state that instant claims 28-31 have been cancelled. Thus, rejections to said claims are moot. The statement is found inconsistent with the pending claims of record. Claims 28-31 have been amended but not cancelled. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that when amendment and/or revision is required, applicant should therefore specifically point out the support for any amendments made to the disclosure. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

Examiner Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to S. Ip whose telephone number is (703) 308-2542. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 5:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

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